

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 36, 38, 40, 43, 53, 56, 58, 60, 63, and 71-79 are pending in this application.

Withdrawn claims 35, 37, 39, 41, 42, 44-52, 59, 61, 62, and 64-70 are canceled by the present response without prejudice.

In the Office Action claims 71-73 and 75-79 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c). Otherwise claims 36, 38, 40, 43, 53, 56, 58, 60, 63, and 71-79 were noted as allowed.

Initially, applicants gratefully acknowledge the early indication of the allowable subject matter.

Addressing now the objection to claims 71-73 and 75-79 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c), that rejection is traversed by the present response.

First, applicants note independent claim 58 is amended by the present response to no longer be a dependent claim. Thus, each of claims 71-73 does not depend on any other multiple dependent claim.

Further, the claims are amended throughout to correct their dependencies to only depend from currently pending claims.

Regarding the statement of interpretation of claims 36, 40, 56, and 60, those claims now more clearly refer to a “center longitudinal axis” to address the objection thereto.

In view of the present response it is respectfully submitted only claims indicated as allowed are currently pending in this application, and that the claims are amended to address all issues in the outstanding Office Action.

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Thereby, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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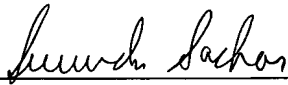
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